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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2017 a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Vincent's Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work:

- Children who are polite, respectful and eager to learn.
- The wide range of motivating and engaging contexts for learning.
- The positive ethos and culture across the school based on the school's values.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from South Lanarkshire:

- Develop further the way in which information about the school's strengths and areas for development is used to determine the priorities for improvement.
- Improve opportunities for staff to develop further their leadership responsibilities across the school which would help increase the range of improvements overtaken across the year.
- Increase opportunities for children to take more ownership of their own learning.
- Continue to improve children's attainment in literacy and numeracy.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate some quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). Quality indicators help schools, education authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved. Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers evaluations of quality indicators to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for St Vincent's Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from How good is our school? (4th edition) , Appendix 3: The six-point scale .	

A more detailed document called summarised inspection findings will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/south-lanarkshire/8532524>.

What happens next?

We are confident that the school has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. South Lanarkshire will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Graeme Gordon
HM Inspector